

Collaborative Park Resources (CPR) Program

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park (NHP) was established by Congress in 1996 “in order to preserve for the inspiration and benefit of the United States as a national historical park certain districts, structures, and relics located in New Bedford, Massachusetts associated with the history of whaling and related social and economic themes in America.”

The law establishing the park authorizes the National Park Service to “consult and enter into cooperative agreements with interested entities and individuals to provide for the preservation, development, interpretation, and use of the park.” New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park invites proposals for projects which will substantially involve the park, and assist the park in fulfilling its legislative mandates through partnerships.

How to submit a proposal—

Proposals may be submitted by non-profit organizations, federally recognized tribes and state and municipal governments. Projects must take place within the boundaries of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park or at sites specifically named in the park’s enabling legislation. Collaborative partnerships are strongly encouraged. Outreach projects, beyond the park's boundaries will be considered where there is substantial opportunity for increasing public understanding and appreciation for New Bedford Whaling NHP or the National Park Service. Typically, CPR funding will not exceed \$2,000 per project.

Projects funded under this program must demonstrate the ability to provide funding matches, either monetary or in-kind (examples of in-kind matches include non-cash contributions such as donated volunteer services, employee salaries, supplies and materials, etc.) **in the ratio of at least four non-federal dollars for each federal-dollar requested.**

Additionally, all project proposals must—

- Demonstrate an active and visible role for the National Park Service in New Bedford
- Support park themes and management objectives
- Assist the park in preserving and interpreting park themes and resources through partnerships

Additional consideration will be given to those projects involving more than one institutional partner. All projects must fit within the scope of the park’s mission as described in detail in the park's General Management Plan. This document and the application is available on request or by Internet at www.nps.gov/nebe.

The park will not fund—

- Staff salaries (other than project related) or capital campaigns
- Construction projects which would be considered federal undertakings by the State Historic Preservation Office
- The acquisition of property or equipment

Project reporting—

At the completion of the project or by September 15th of the fiscal year of the award of funds, a report must be submitted describing the results of the project and major problems encountered (narrative should be no longer than two pages). A final accounting of the revenues and expenses of the project must be included as an attachment (copies of invoices and checks written are requested). Any project products (ie. reports), newspaper articles, photographs or project marketing and advertising should also be attached to this report.

Proposal packages must include completed responses to items 1-5 listed on the following page. Questions should be directed to Deputy Superintendent Tom Ross at (508) 994-8926, or Thomas_ross@nps.gov